ABSTRACT

A height-sizing portion picks up postal items of non-standard sizes, and a stamp side-detecting portion determines on which side of each of the postal items a stamp is affixed. Based on information determined by the stamp side-detecting portion, a sorting portion sorts the postal items using a paddle. The paddle has guide members for adjusting the ranges of the postal items when sorted. A raising portion having multiple elastic rollers with different mounting angles varying from tilted to erect aligns the postal items so that the stamp sides face the same direction. The faced postal items are cancelled with a postmark on an ink-jet printer.